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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE

July 20, 2004

On June 4, 2002, the County Board of Supervisors approved the Safe Haven Task Force recommendations that included 12 recommendations to effectively implement the Newborn Abandonment Law (SB 1368), often referred to as the "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" in Los Angeles County. Included was a recommendation to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites.

SB 1368 allows the Board of Supervisors to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites beyond the private or public hospital emergency rooms designated by law. Subsequently, the Board has exercised that authority and designated fire stations in 22 cities as Safe Surrender locations. The Board has continued to actively recruit municipal fire departments to participate in the County's Safe Surrender program.

Today, the City of Avalon is requesting that the Board include their fire stations as Safe Surrender sites:

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. The Board designates the City of Avalon Fire Department fire stations as Safe Surrender sites in the County of Los Angeles, effective July 20, 2004;
2. Request that said cities utilize the safe surrender kits developed by the County or similar ones developed by the individual city; and,
3. Request the designated cities' fire stations to prominently display the uniform Safe Surrender logo at the entrance to their facilities.

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